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Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO RENEW ITS
CONSENT TO THE NORTHEAST INTERSTATE DAIRY COMPACT.***

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact
2 is to recognize the interstate character of the northeast dairy industry,
3 to form an interstate commission for the northeast region, to assure the
4 continued viability of dairy farming in the northeast and to assure
5 consumers of an adequate, local supply of pure and wholesome milk;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, by entering into the Northeast Interstate Dairy
8 Compact, the participating states affirmed that their ability to regulate
9 the price which northeast dairy farmers receive for their product is
10 essential to the public interest and that assurance of a fair and
11 equitable price for dairy farmers ensures their ability to provide milk
12 to the market and preserves the vitality of the northeast dairy industry,
13 with all the associated benefits; and

14 WHEREAS, the participating states found that prior dramatic price

15 fluctuations, with a pronounced downward trend, threatened the
16 viability and stability of the northeast dairy region and that
17 historically, individual state regulatory action has been an effective
18 emergency remedy available to farmers confronting a distressed
19 market; and

20 WHEREAS, the interstate commission that was established under
21 the compact was authorized to establish, by regulation, a minimum
22 price to be paid to producers for milk and that such price applied
23 throughout the region, or in any part thereof, as defined in the
24 regulations of the commission; and

25 WHEREAS, the General Assembly enacted the Northeast Interstate
26 Dairy Compact into law in 1993; and

27 WHEREAS, the compact became effective by its terms when enacted
28 into law by any three states of the group of states composed of
29 Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New
30 Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island,
31 Vermont and Virginia, and when the consent of Congress had been
32 obtained; and

33 WHEREAS, Congress gave its consent that the states of Connecticut,
34 Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont,
35 which had ratified the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact as of April
36 4, 1996, were authorized to implement said compact; and

37 WHEREAS, Congress established that its consent would terminate
38 on September 30, 2001, and has not extended its consent beyond said
39 date.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut
41 General Assembly calls upon the Congress of the United States to
42 amend section 7 USC 7256 to renew its consent to the purposes and
43 activities of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact; and

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and

45 House of Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to
46 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of
47 the Connecticut congressional delegation.

GAE *Joint Favorable*